The Seven Seals

“Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” — Elder

Rev 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Rev 4:2-7 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

Rev 4:7-11 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 10 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Rev 5:1-5 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

The 'open door' in heaven reveals the work of Christ within the Holy Place of the Sanctuary.

John is permitted to behold the throne of God. From this passage, we learn that there are seven lamps of fire which are burning before the throne. These seven lamps of fire are equated with the seven Spirit of God.

Four living creatures = Eze 1
Seven lamps = Zech 4:1-6
Sea of glass = Eze 47:1-12

Lion = Strength (Pr 30:29-30)
Calf = Service (Job 39:9)
Man = Wisdom (Pr 12:8)
Eagle = Swift (Deut 28:49)

"Who was and is and it to come" see Rev 1:4-5

Four living creatures and the twenty-four elders praise God as Creator

The scroll sealed with seven seals is the 'last will and testament' of Jesus Christ. It contains the legal right of inheritance of the human race (Rev 21:7), the covenant by which they will inherit these things (Rev 21:27; 22:14), and the legal right and down payment of these promises — the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13-14). See (Heb 9:11-17 & John 17)
Rev 5:6-10  6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.  7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.  8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.  9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,  10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Rev 5:11-14  11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,  12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"  13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"  14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

The Table Of Showbread — The Throne Of God

Exo 37:10-12  10 He made the table of acacia wood; two cubits was its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height.  11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a molding of gold all around it.  12 Also he made a frame of a handbreadth all around it, and made a molding of gold for the frame all around it.

Exo 29:5-6  5 "Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the… band of the ephod.  6 "You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban.

Zec 6:11-13  11 "Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.  12 "Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: 'Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD;  13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.'"
The Showbread — Symbol Of God’s Word / Brings Life

Exo 25:30 30 "And you shall set the showbread (bread of the faces) on the table before Me always.

Psa 89:14-15 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. 15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.

Mat 4:4 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, `Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Deu 32:46-47 46 and He said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe-- all the words of this law. 47 "For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

Psa 119:50 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

God’s Throne Connected With Life

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Eze 47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

Jesus Prophesied To Sit On His Father’s Throne

Psa 110:1-4 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."… 4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Psa 133:1-3 <A Song of Ascents. Of David.> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing- - Life forevermore.

Some version translate this phrase ‘bread of the Presence’

The ‘foundation’ of God’s throne is His holy law — ‘righteousness and justice’. His ‘face’ and ‘countenance’ shine upon those who know His voice and keep His commands.

The commands of God have life giving power within them if they are taken into the heart and obeyed from the heart. All the commands of God proceed from His mouth and from His throne.

From God’s throne flows a ‘river of water of life’. From God’s throne issues forth His sacred commands — which if brought into the heart and life, will lead all to life.

At Jesus ascension (Ps 68:17-20) He sat on His Father’s throne (Rev 3:21) as our high priest (Col 3:1-4).

Jn 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
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The Seven Seals of Revelation

The First-born of the Dead, Rev 1:5

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538 AD-798 AD
Red Horse

100-313 AD
Red Horse

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1795 AD

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<td>We are His witnesses when we let our light shine (Mt 5:16) and it is evident to others that Christ is living in us (Gal 2:20) by His Spirit, bearing good fruit.</td>
<td>(Act 1:8 NKJ) 8 &quot;But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me… See also Acts 5:32; Isa 43:10-12</td>
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<td>“Jesus Christ — The Firstborn From the Dead”</td>
<td>Jesus’ ministry at the ‘right hand of God’ imparts life to His people as He ministers the ‘Bread of Life’, His Word and His Spirit to the church.</td>
<td>Pentecost 31 AD — The re-creation of the Earth made new.</td>
<td>By trusting Christ to feed us with His living Word and drinking in of His Holy Spirit the grace we need to obey His commands, we are receiving eternal life.</td>
<td>(Rom 8:34 NKJ) 34 “It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” See also Acts 5:31; Eph 5:25-27</td>
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<td>Jesus’ ministry before the altar of incense brings the prayers of His people before His Father — prayers for help and deliverance from their oppressors.</td>
<td>Pentecost 31 AD — Close of the Day of Atonement 20?? AD when the censor is thrown down and intercession ceases.</td>
<td>We can trust Christ to hear our petitions and prayers and in His time to avenge Himself on those who mistreat us. Our continual prayer to Him for deliverance is vital (Lk 18:1-8).</td>
<td>(Psa 2:1-12 NKJ) 2 “The kings of the earth set themselves… against the LORD and against His Anointed… 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings… 11 “Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.”</td>
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<td>Through faith in the blood of Christ and obedience to His law, His law may be written in our hearts and our names may be written in ‘the Book of Life.’</td>
<td>(Joh 5:22 NKJ) 22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son… See also Isa 8:16; Lk 10:20; Eph 1:13; 2 Tim 2:19; Rev 7:2-3</td>
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